

Brand Medications Requiring Use of a Generic First

You can save money by using safe, effective generic medications when possible. According to your prescription benefit plan, you will have to try a generic medication first before certain brand-name medications will be covered. The chart below tells you which kinds of drugs require you to use a generic first. This chart only provides a sample list of generic drug options and may not include all drugs available.

Drug Class <i>Condition Treated*</i>	Step 1: You will have to try one of these generic medications first:	Step 2: Before you can try one of these non-preferred brand drugs:	These preferred select brand drugs do not require use of a generic first:
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs) <i>Stomach Acid</i>	lansoprazole delayed-rel omeprazole delayed-rel omeprazole-sodium bicarbonate capsule pantoprazole delayed-rel	Prilosec Packets Zegerid Powder - Oral Susp	Dexilant Nexium

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